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**Amendment and Response**

Sir:

This paper responds to the Second Non-Final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 25, 2012. Accompanying this paper is a petition for a one-month extension of time to extend the time period of response up to and including May 25, 2012. Authorization is herein granted to apply any fees occasioned by this paper or credits due in this case to Deposit Account 50-2295.

**Amendment to the Claims** begins on Page 2.

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